

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 51, 54, 57 and 58, and add new Claim 59 as follows.

1-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

an image pickup unit for obtaining a digital image;

an interface for connecting to a storage medium which stores the digital image obtained by said image pickup unit;

a reproducing unit for reading out the digital image stored in the storage medium via said interface and causing a display apparatus to display the read-out image;

an operation unit for effecting a changeover operation of an image to be displayed on the display apparatus;

a single manually operable designating unit for designating the image displayed on the display apparatus as a print subject for an external printer communicating with said image pickup apparatus;

a display control unit for, causing if said single manually operable designation unit provides a first designation after said image pickup apparatus is connected with the external printer, controlling the display apparatus so as to display a print setting screen for displaying a predetermined print condition and a temporarily selected menu for instructing execution of a printing operation so that the displayed print condition is selectable in accordance with operations of said single manually operable designation unit and another operation unit comprising an operation button and the print setting screen indicates that the predetermined print

condition displayed thereon is selected as a default selection to execute printing of the image displayed by the display apparatus determined in advance, in accordance with a first designation provided to said single manually operable designating unit when said image pickup apparatus is communicating with the external printer and is in a state in which an image to be displayed on the display apparatus is changeable in accordance with an operation of said operation unit; and

a printing control unit for instructing the external printer to print the image displayed by the display apparatus, in accordance with response to a second designation provided to said single manually operable designating unit providing a designation after the print setting screen is displayed successively to the first designation, without requiring any other manual operation performed on the image pickup apparatus between the first and second designations,

wherein said print control unit instructs the execution of the print operation based on the default selection of the predetermined print condition to the external printer if said single manually operable designation unit provides a second designation successively to the first designation without interposing any other manual operation by the another operation unit between the first and second designations said display control unit displays the print setting screen in accordance with the first designation to display a menu for instructing execution of a printing operation to the external printer, as a default menu selected in the displayed print setting screen, the print setting screen being arranged so as to display the menu and another menu; and

wherein the print condition displayed in the print setting screen can be selected by operation of an operation member different from said single manually operable designating unit; while said display control unit is causing the display apparatus to display the print setting screen.

53. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the print setting screen includes a selection item of cancellation.

54. (Currently Amended) A control method for an image pickup apparatus comprising an image pickup unit for obtaining a digital image, an interface for connecting to a storage medium which stores the digital image obtained by the image pickup unit, a reproducing unit for reading out the digital image stored in the storage medium via the interface and causing a display apparatus to display the read-out image, an operation unit for effecting a changeover operation of an image to be displayed on the display apparatus, and a single manually operable designating unit for designating the image displayed on the display apparatus as a print subject for an external printer communicating with the image pickup apparatus, said control method comprising:

a display control step of, if the single manually operable designation unit provides a first designation after the image pickup apparatus is connected with the external printer, controlling causing the display apparatus so as to display a print setting screen, in accordance with a first designation provided to the single manually operable designating unit when the image pickup apparatus is communicating with the external printer and is in a state in which an image to be displayed on the display apparatus is changeable in accordance with an operation of the operation unit for displaying a predetermined print condition and a temporarily selected menu for instructing execution of a printing operation so that the displayed print condition is selectable in accordance with operations of the single manually operable designation unit and another operation unit comprising an operation button and the print setting screen indicates that the

predetermined print condition displayed thereon is selected as a default selection to execute printing of the image displayed by the display apparatus; and

a printing control step of instructing the external printer to print the image displayed by the display apparatus, in accordance with response to a designation provided to the single manually operable designating unit providing a designation after the print setting screen is displayed successively to the first designation, without requiring any other manual operation performed on the image pickup apparatus between the first and second designations,

wherein said print control step is arranged to instruct the execution of the print operation based on the default selection of the predetermined print condition to the external printer if the single manually operable designation unit provides a second designation successively to the first designation without interposing any other manual operation by the another operation unit between the first and second designations said display control step displays the print setting screen in accordance with the first designation to display a menu for instructing execution of a printing operation to the external printer, as a default menu selected in the displayed print setting screen; the print setting screen being arranged so as to display the menu and another menu.

55. (Previously Presented) A control method according to claim 54, wherein the print setting screen is arranged so as to display a menu for instructing execution of a printing operation, and another menu, the menu for instructing execution of the printing operation being selected as a default menu in the displayed print setting screen.

56. (Previously Presented) A control method according to claim 54, wherein the print setting screen includes a selection item of cancellation.

57. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium storing a computer program product embodying a computer-executable program for implementing a control method for an image pickup apparatus comprising an image pickup unit for obtaining a digital image, an interface for connecting to a storage medium which stores the digital image obtained by the image pickup unit, a reproducing unit for reading out the digital image stored in the storage medium via the interface and causing a display apparatus to display the read-out image, an operation unit for effecting a changeover operation of an image to be displayed on the display apparatus, and a single manually operable designating unit for designating the image displayed on the display apparatus as a print subject for an external printer communicating with the image pickup apparatus, said computer program causing execution of the steps of:

causing if said single manually operable designation unit provides a first designation after said image pickup apparatus is connected with the external printer, controlling the display apparatus so as to display a print setting screen, in accordance with a first designation provided to the single manually operable designating unit when the image pickup apparatus is communicating with the external printer and is in a state in which an image to be displayed on the display apparatus is changeable in accordance with an operation of the operation unit for displaying a predetermined print condition and a temporarily selected menu for instructing execution of a printing operation so that the displayed print condition is selectable in accordance with operations of the single manually operable designation unit and another operation unit comprising an operation button and the print setting screen indicates that the predetermined print condition displayed thereon is selected as a default selection to execute printing of the image displayed by the display apparatus; and

instructing the external printer to print the image displayed by the display apparatus, in accordance with response to a second designation provided to the single manually operable designating unit providing a designation after the print setting screen is displayed successively to the first designation, without requiring any other manual operation performed on the image pickup apparatus between the first and second designations,

wherein said instructing step is arranged to instruct the execution of the print operation based on the default selection of the predetermined print condition to the external printer if the single manually operable designation unit provides a second designation successively to the first designation without interposing any other manual operation by the another operation unit between the first and second designations said print setting screen displaying step displays the print setting screen in accordance with the first designation to display a menu for instructing execution of a printing operation to the external printer, as a default menu selected in the displayed print setting screen, the print setting screen being arranged so as to display the menu and another menu.

58. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program for causing an image pickup apparatus to execute a control method therefor, the image pickup apparatus comprising an image pickup unit for obtaining a digital image, an interface for connecting to a storage medium which stores the digital image obtained by the image pickup unit, a reproducing unit for reading out the digital image stored in the storage medium via the interface and causing a display apparatus to display the read-out image, an operation unit for effecting a changeover operation of an image to be displayed on the display apparatus, and a single manually operable designating unit for designating the image displayed on the display apparatus as a print subject

for an external printer communicating with the image pickup apparatus, said control method comprising:

a display control step of, if the single manually operable designation unit provides a first designation after the image pickup apparatus is connected with the external printer, controlling causing the display apparatus so as to display a print setting screen, in accordance with a first designation provided to the single manually operable designating unit when the image pickup apparatus is communicating with the external printer and is in a state in which an image to be displayed on the display apparatus is changeable in accordance with an operation of the operation unit for displaying a predetermined print condition and a temporarily selected menu for instructing execution of a printing operation so that the displayed print condition is selectable in accordance with operations of the single manually operable designation unit and another operation unit comprising an operation button and the print setting screen indicates that the predetermined print condition displayed thereon is selected as a default selection to execute printing of the image displayed by the display apparatus; and

a printing control step of instructing the external printer to print the image displayed by the display apparatus, in accordance with response to a second designation provided to the single manually operable designating unit providing a designation after the print setting screen is displayed successively to the first designation, without requiring any other manual operation performed on the image pickup apparatus between the first and second designations,

wherein said print control step is arranged to instruct the execution of the print operation based on the default selection of the predetermined print condition to the external printer if the single manually operable designation unit provides a second designation successively to the first designation without interposing any other manual operation by the another operation unit

~~between the first and second designations said display control step displays the print setting screen in accordance with the first designation to display a menu for instructing execution of a printing operation to the external printer, as a default menu selected in the displayed print setting screen, the print setting screen being arranged so as to display the menu and another menu.~~

59. (New) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the print setting screen is arranged so as to display a menu for instructing execution of a printing operation, and another menu, the menu for instructing execution of the printing operation being selected as a default menu in the displayed print setting screen.